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1. On 12 October at 4 p.m. a train carrying 18 tanks was observed at the Neinsdorf railroad station. The train had come from the direction of Wittenberg. On 14 October 1950 at 3 p.m. a train carrying 26 tanks stopped at the Neinsdorf railroad station. It was said that the tanks had come from maneuvers and were headed toward Stendal. *

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2. At 10:50 a.m. an eastbound convoy of 16 amphibious vehicles was observed on the Steutz-Rossbau road on 15 October 1950. The vehicles were occupied by about 50 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. *

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3. On 15 October 1950 at 3:30 p.m. a northbound convoy of 35 trucks was observed moving along the Rossbau-Wiesenau road. Eighteen trailers with field kitchens and 40 field kitchens were observed with the convoy. The troops on the trucks wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

4. It was said that half of the troops stationed in the Neinsdorf barracks installation had returned to their post. **

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* Comment. All movements are believed to have been connected with the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army in the Magdeburg-Dessau area and of the Third Gds Mecz Army in the Wittenberg area and farther to the south at the beginning of October 1950.

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25X1 Compare a report on a troop train going from Naumburg to Delzig on 2 October 1950. belonging to the 13th Mecz Div and the 94th Gds Mtc Rifle Div, again confirms one of these divisions as participating in the fall maneuvers.

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25X1A ** Comment. The partial occupation of the barracks installation in the Neinsdorf area about 15 October 1950 indicates that the fall maneuvers of the Third Gds Mecz Army, which also involved a component unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div from the Neinsdorf area, may have been partially completed by that time.

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It is also possible that the installation quartered elements of the division which had returned to their post, being non-essential for the maneuvers. Similar information was received from Perleberg. See [redacted]

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